

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A data processing apparatus executing a process on copyrighted data within a right obtained, comprising:

data storage means operable to store the data;

right information storage means operable to store a process
5 right that is required for the process on the data stored in said data storage means;

input means operable to input an instruction for the data stored in said data storage means;

control means operable to determine, based on said process
10 right stored in said right information storage means, whether said instruction is to be executed or not;

process execution means operable to execute said instruction; and

display means operable to display said process right stored
15 in said right information storage means on a screen.

2. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

data receiving means operable to receive the data stored in said data storage means through a communication channel, and
5 obtain said process right stored in said right information storage means through the communication channel.

3. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

said process execution means includes data copy means
operable to copy the data stored in said data storage means to
5 a removable storage medium and delete the data copied to said
storage medium based on a determination by said control means.

4. The data processing apparatus according to claim 3,
wherein

said right information storage means stores storage medium
information for identifying said storage medium, and
5 said display means displays said storage medium information
on a screen.

5. The data processing apparatus according to claim 4,
wherein

when said input means selects the data copied to said
storage medium, said display means displays the storage medium
5 information of said storage medium on the screen.

6. The data processing apparatus according to claim 4,
wherein

said storage medium information is a storage medium
identifier unique to said storage medium.

7. The data processing apparatus according to claim 4,
wherein

said storage medium information is an identifier assigned
to said storage medium for identification.

8. The data processing apparatus according to claim 3,
wherein

said control means outputs a warning signal when
determining that said instruction for copying the data to said
5 storage medium is not to be executed; and

said display means displays a warning screen based on said
warning signal.

9. The data processing apparatus according to claim 8,
wherein

said display means makes on said warning screen a display
for prompting a user to obtain a process right required for data
5 copy.

10. The data processing apparatus according to claim 3,
wherein

said control means outputs a warning signal when
determining said instruction for deleting the data from said
5 storage medium is not to be executed, and

said display means displays a warning screen based on said

warning signal.

11. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

said display means displays one or more icons corresponding
to said process right stored in said right information storage
5 means on the screen.

12. The data processing apparatus according to claim 11,
wherein

said display means displays on the screen as many icons as
the number of executions specified by said process right stored
5 in said right information storage means.

13. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

said display means displays on the screen said process right
to data that can be processed in a set process mode.

14. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

said display means displays on the screen said process right
stored in said right information storage means by switching a
5 display method based on a set display mode.

15. The data processing apparatus according to claim 1,
wherein

said control means outputs a warning signal when
determining that said instruction is not to be executed, and

5 said display means displays a warning screen based on said
warning signal.

16. A data processing method for executing a process on
copyrighted data within a right obtained, comprising the steps
of:

storing the data;

5 storing a process right that is required for the process
on the data stored in said data storing step;

inputting an instruction for the data stored in said storing
step;

determining, based on said process right stored in said
10 storing step, whether said instruction is to be executed or not;

executing said instruction; and

displaying said process right stored in said storing step
on a screen.

17. A recording medium with a program recorded therein,
said program for executing, on a computer, a data processing
method of processing copyrighted data within a right obtained,
said method comprising the steps of:

